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SUBJECT: NAC CONSULTATIONS ON SALT

REF: (A) GENEVA 1447; (B) USNATO 977

1. USNATO IS AUTHORIZED TO WORK OUT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE FOR AMBASSADOR WARNKE TO PARTICIPATE IN SALT CONSULTATIONS IN THE NAC, AND PROPOSE THAT THE COUNCIL MEET ON THAT DATE. WE AGREE THAT FORMAT INCLUDING AN EXPERTS SESSION FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

2. IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO ALLIED WISHES AND PREEMPT

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SENSITIVITY REGARDING BILATERALS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE, I.E., FEBRUARY 20, IF THAT IS POSSIBLE IN LIGHT OF AMBASSADOR WARNKE'S SCHEDULE. IF THE TRADITIONAL RELUCTANCE OF THE PERMREPS TO SCHEDULE MONDAY MORNING MEETINGS MAKES THIS IMPOSSIBLE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD STILL TRY FOR THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THAT WEEK.

3. FYI. IF NAC CAN BE SCHEDULED EARLY IN THE WEEK, PM
DIRECTOR GELB WOULD PLAN TO ATTEND. END FYI. VANCE

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